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Applicants: Walter Winkler

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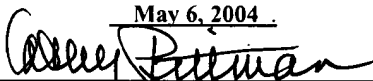
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2004, the statutorily shortened response deadline for which ended on April 6, 2004. An accompanying Petition requests a one-month extension of this deadline to May 6, 2004.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.